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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Low humidity. Hazy, warm and dry. In the South and Sinai sandstorms and possibility of isolated showers and floods in the valleys.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	23	9-25	17-26
Golan	25	6-19	13-20
Nahariya	32	13-29	18-29
Safed	26	6-20	15-23
Haifa	24	13-25	18-29
Tiberias	26	13-28	17-23
Nasrath	30	10-33	17-28
Afula	27	10-30	18-29
Shomron	18	10-28	18-29
Tel Aviv	20	14-31	18-32
Lod	16	13-32	18-32
Jericho	30	15-27	18-34
Qana	30	12-33	18-33
Beerseheba	16	12-30	17-33
Beit	26	17-30	26-30
Tiran	14	20-33	22-35

## Social and Personal

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday addressed officers of the three I.D.F. services in the Northern Command on the I.D.F.'s forthcoming annual work programme.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday attended the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the Babel Jewish Heritage Centre in Or Yehuda. Also present were Police Minister Shimon Peres and Arye Pincus, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive.

A delegation from the "Musée de l'Homme" (Paris), headed by the Baroness Alix de Rothschild, was welcomed at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem yesterday by Mrs. Esther Reizenberg, Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, and Mr. S. E. Yeshaya, Chairman of the HMO Israel Committee.

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## ARRIVALS

U.S. Representative Samuel H. Young (Republican, Illinois), and his wife, for a nine-day visit as guests of the Foreign Ministry (by El Al).

David Owen, a former British Cabinet Minister, for an eight-day visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry.

Hanna Blumenthal of the Jerusalem Municipal Psychological Services, from a series of lectures at Heidelberg University.

## DEPARTURES

Singer P. Boone, his family and his group of about 400 pilgrims, to the U.S., after touring Israel.

SANTA KATERINA, the monastery in Southern Sinai, will be closed to the public, except for Egged and Arkia tours, from April 22 to April 30, for the Easter holiday.

## PILGRIMS FLOCK TO J'LEM

Thousands of Passover pilgrims from around the country participated yesterday in the traditional holiday procession to the Western Wall.

Before setting out at 1 p.m. from Ein Rogel Square near the railway station, they were addressed by Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs, and Chief Rabbi Shalom Goren.

For the first time since the Six Day War, the procession proceeded through the Jaffa Gate and the Armenian Quarter rather than via Mount Zion.

The Municipal Youth Band and a Hassidic instrumental group provided music. At the Western Wall, the pilgrims joined thousands of other celebrants. They were greeted by Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Shimon Goren and two Torah scrolls were ceremonially placed in an ark alongside the Wall.

A procession of another kind took place in the afternoon in the Mea Shearim Quarter where Rabbi Amram Blau, leader of the Neturei Karta sect, led some 200 demonstrators "celebrating" the 25th anniversary of Israel with a protest march.

Rabbi Blau charged that the sacred name of Israel was being "desecrated" by a secular, socialist state. The marchers reached the adjoining Zichron Moshe Quarter but were prevented by police from proceeding further. There was no violence and no arrests. Jerusalem Police Chief Haim Breitenfeld took leave of Rabbi Blau by wishing him a *gut yom tov*, a happy holiday.

In Tel Aviv, several hundred former Prisoners of Zion held an open-air seder last night and read a special Haggada illustrating the parallels between the flight from Egyptian bondage and the present-day struggle of Russian Jewry. The seder at Kikar Malchut Yisrael drew hundreds of spectators.

## TWO KILLED ON ROADS

Two persons, including a nine-year-old boy from Hebron, were killed in road accidents yesterday.

Jaabari Salah ben-Salman, 9, of Hebron, was crossing the road at Shuafat, north of Jerusalem, yesterday at noon when he was struck by a car. He was taken to Hadassah Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the car was held for questioning.

Another accident, Sami Aharon of Moshav Beit Hanneva, was fatally injured shortly after midnight on Wednesday when his car crashed into a parked vehicle in Rehov Hashiryon in Tel Aviv. He died later at Ichilov Hospital. (Itm)



Thousands of Passover pilgrims wend their way from Jerusalem's railway station to the Old City yesterday.

## Orna Porat won't take leave of absence from Cameri

By MARK SEGAL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Miss Orna Porat, the Cameri Theatre star, has been asked by the present management to take prolonged leave without pay. Miss Porat is opposed to the idea.

Apart from Hanna Maron, she is one of few veteran leading actors that have survived from the early days of the Cameri Theatre, which lately has become the Tel Aviv municipal company.

Other veterans like Yosef Yadin and Yitzhak Shilon have been obliged to find work in other theatrical companies. Miss Porat's relations with company manager Yeshaya Weinberg deteriorated ever since she voted against him in the company management on his decision to perform the savagely anti-government "Queen of the Bathhouse."

Following that Miss Porat was dropped from the management and took three years' leave without pay. Three years ago Miss Porat took leave to establish the state children's theatre for the Education Ministry. Her latest production there of "Anna Frank" earned her acclaim. Last August, her leave being up, she returned to the company and was due to star in O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night," but the production was called off at the last moment.

Recently Miss Porat started performing in a leading role in a private production of Isaac's "Hedda Gabler." Last week she received a letter from Cameri administrative director Uri Ofer advising her that she had no right to appear on an-

other stage. She was therefore asked to request a further period of leave without pay.

Miss Porat told this reporter that hitherto there had never been any fuss about individual actors appearing with small companies. What did matter was when they signed contracts with other established companies. She said she had started to play in "Hedda Gabler" because "I must work as an actress. I have offered my services as an actress and a director to Mr. Weinberg, but to no avail."

Mr. Ofer was only prepared to tell this reporter: "Miss Porat asked the management for more leave and her request was accepted." Other Cameri sources reported that Miss Porat had turned down a role in Nissim Aloni's new production. Questioned on this Miss Porat replied: "They offered it to me only after I was committed to play in 'Hedda Gabler.'"

Miss Porat said the Actors Trade Union was taking up her case because under union rules an actor cannot be forced to take leave of absence against his or her wishes.

Cameri manager Weinberg said yesterday that he considered the company had gone out of its way to be considerate to Miss Porat. He explained: "She wished to run her own children's theatre and she got leave, and when she came back we offered her a very good role in the Nissim Aloni production, but she turned it down. Then she set up a small company called 'Bama 73' for the 'Hedda Gabler' production. As a company we make sure of a performer's salary but we cannot agree to them having two salaries. We do respect her standing but we have to abide by the regulations. We have offered her an extension of leave without pay as is customary."

## Histadrut to seek more partnerships

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut-owned industries will be looking for further partnerships with foreign investors at the forthcoming Economic Conference, slated for the end of May.

This emerged from yesterday's meeting at the labour federation's head offices here between 130 top executives of Histadrut companies and members of the Cabinet committee for the economic conference. The latter comprises Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, and Transport Minister Shimon Peres.

Asher Yadin, Secretary of the Histadrut's Hevrat Ovdim holding company, told the meeting that the Histadrut sector will be fully represented on all committees at the conference. Many conference participants will already have met the Histadrut men a few days before, at the Histadrut-sponsored International Conference on the Role of the Public Economy in a Democratic Society, set to meet from May 22 to 25.

Mr. Yadin pointed out that Hevrat Ovdim was particularly interest-

ed in partnerships with private businessmen who could provide special know-how and marketing outlets.

Some 1,000 leading businessmen, half of them new faces, have promised to attend the conference, Finance Ministry Director-General Avraham Agmon told the meeting.

## Terrorist gets life for slaying two

GAZA. — A 26-year-old terrorist from the Jabalya refugee camp was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour for murdering two residents of Beit Lehyia in the northern Gaza Strip three years ago.

On March 22, 1970, Hamdan Salim Ibrahim el-Gamar forced a 21-year-old man out of his flat and killed him with a burst of sub-machinegun fire. The following day, el-Gamar and several other members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine abducted a 42-year-old woman from the same village, beat her, cut off her hair and then shot her dead. (Itm)

## Premature quints die within hours

ASHKELON. — A Kiryat Gat housewife in her sixth month of pregnancy gave birth to quintuplets here yesterday, but all five died by yesterday evening.

The mother, Kohava Fischer, was rushed to Barzilai Hospital here in the morning after she started having labour pains. The babies — weighing an average half-kilo each — were delivered shortly before noon and placed in incubators. Four of them died within a couple of hours and the fifth toward evening. Mrs. Fischer had received hormone treatment, to induce pregnancy, doctors said. (Itm)

## Merchant in Nazareth held as terrorist

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
NAZARETH. — Police here early yesterday morning arrested a well-known local merchant on suspicion of membership in a terrorist organization.

The arrest is the result of the seizure of terrorist documents during last week's Beirut commando operation. The arrest is the second here to follow from the raid. Last week police arrested a local teacher who graduated not long ago from a British university and is believed to have been recruited by terrorists there. The names of the two men arrested have been withheld from publication. The merchant detained yesterday is to be remanded today.

Two other suspects arrested in the last few days are a resident of the old city of Acre and one from Ibelin in Western Galilee.

## Shfar'am infant drowns in barrel

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
ACRE. — Two-year-old Samira Abu Hdejah, of Shfar'am, drowned in a water barrel outside her home on Wednesday afternoon. She was standing on the balcony, fell into the barrel and drowned before her mother, at work in another room, noticed she had disappeared.

Abdul Hadi, 14, of Nazareth, was badly hurt yesterday morning when a metal object he was playing with exploded in his hands. He is believed to have found it on a refuse dump near Kfar Mahoreh. An investigation was opened to determine what the object was and where it came from.

SOME 800 GADNA youth took part in a rifle target shooting competition this week. The winners will enter the championship competition on Gadna Day, to be held on Lag ba-Omer May 20.

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## 'Meet the Press' to be filmed in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — A special edition of the famous American television programme "Meet the Press" is shot here on May 4, featuring joint interview with Premier Meir, Deputy Premier Yigal and Foreign Minister Abba. The show has an audience of 10 million spectators.

Lawrence Spivak, veteran of the NBC show — as the world's oldest TV pro — is coming here especially for the occasion.

Usually the programme of one leading personality is interviewed for half-an-hour panel of newsmen. But in the special edition, the show will be screened over a network on Sunday, May 6, in honour of Israel's independence Day.

The panel will include the correspondent in Israel, Davy Dineen, "New York Times" correspondent in Israel, Terence Long, and probably an American resident in a neighbouring country.

The interview will take place in the Israel Motion Picture Studios in Herzliya.

## Pays winne

The IL150,000 grand prize Mifal Hapayis lottery were yesterday by tickets No. 29, No. 753699, No. 425448 won. Numbers 346398 and 7402 IL12,500. Tickets 050327, 236911 and 775992 won. Tickets ending in 2 won. The following won IL1,250: 364156, 669030, 781519, 028500, 374160, 542052, 023942, 332613, 500885, 022983, 213494, 458358, 006728, 063192, 444165 and



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## Stephen Hoffma

Stephen Hoffma, formerly in Budapest, Hungary, a Mr. J. J. Reich, D. J. U.S.A., is requested to contact Jacobson, Attorney, 805 G. Savings Building, Dayton, Oh U.S.A., on a matter of importance to himself.

## QE2 in Ashdod tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
ASHDOD. — Port workers were yesterday busy putting the finishing touches to the new 200-metre-long Pier No. 5 here, where Britain's luxury liner Queen Elizabeth II is due to dock tomorrow morning. The pier was prepared in record time by the Port's Engineering Department. Pier No. 5 when completed next January will be 350 metres long. Three tugboats will pull the 300-metre-long liner into port. The port is also bracing itself for

the tightest security measures that it has ever known. Only cars and persons with special passes will be allowed to move inside the port.

Many Ashdodians, who live on high points facing the port, will have a fine view of QE2 coming in. For the curious, and those who would not mind losing some sleep early in the morning, there are many vantage points outside the port from where to watch the liner.

A car park has been paved to accommodate the buses and taxis which will take the passengers on tour during their stay in Ashdod. The liner will move to Haifa at the end of the Passover holiday and remain there for about 10 days before returning here. QE2 will leave the country on May 7, Independence Day night.

There are about 620 passengers and 900 crewmen aboard the liner, and according to foreign reports, more than 30 security men.

## ISRAELI JUNIORS TRIUMPH IN INT'L TENNIS TOURNAMENT

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Top Israeli juniors Yair Wertheimer and Danny Katsky yesterday evening scored superb third-round wins against overseas players in the current annual Passover international tennis championships at the Maccabi courts here. Their successes followed that of Gabriel Wolf, who beat a foreign entry on Wednesday night.

Wertheimer came through 6-4, 6-4 against Steve Stefanski, Berkeley University's No. 1 racket and ranked No. 12 in California, while

Kalovsky triumphed 6-1, 7-5 over Australian Phil Martin. Wolf's second-round "victim" was Martin's compatriot Michael Hewitt, formerly Viktor's second-ranking junior, whom he defeated 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Israel's Davis Cup candidate Ronny Lerner came within two points of joining Wertheimer and Kalovsky in the quarter-finals, before bowing out 3-6, 6-2, 9-11 to ex-South Australian youth champion Mark Cocks. In the tournament's best match to date, both competitors played superb serve-and-volley tennis, with Lerner pounding out an astonishing total of 20 aces, but often being let down by his rather weak backhand.

## ASTROUK WINS

Another youngster to catch the eye under yesterday's grey skies was Nissim Astrouk, who took Australia's top-ranking junior Paul Kronk to 6-3, 7-5 in a hard-hitting game.

New Russian immigrant Felix Kaplan last night ended Wolf's winning run, beating him 6-3, 6-2 in impressive style to enter the quarters. In other third-round matches, Yosef Stabholz defeated West German Peter Ollinger 6-2, 6-4, while Rumanian No. 3 Ionel Santeiu showed his power in putting out Reuven Forges 6-3, 6-1, and Yehoshua Shalom came through 6-4, 6-2 against Gabby Harmat.

In a men's doubles upset yesterday, Moshe Dan and Miller beat Israel's probable Davis Cup pair of Stabholz-Wertheimer 6-2, 7-6. German guests Cora Credyt-Schodwy and Petra Wilms are both

through to the quarters of the women's singles event. The championships, which end on Monday, continue at the Maccabi courts over the week-end, with play starting at 1 p.m. today and tomorrow.

## Ben-Moshe resigns Mapam post

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Nafthal Ben-Moshe, the organizational secretary of Mapam, yesterday submitted his resignation to Mapam Secretary-General Meir Talmi. Mr. Ben-Moshe, who is a leader of the anti-Alignment minority in Mapam, which won about a third of the recent party convention's vote, protested the leadership's refusal to convene the party Central Committee to elect the new organizational secretary and political secretary.

In his letter, copies of which were sent to all members of the Mapam secretariat, Mr. Ben-Moshe wrote that he found it impossible to carry on in his job under present circumstances. Therefore, he was taking the step of resigning in order to force the leadership to convene the party Central Committee to elect his successor. He said that he would explain his motives at length at a later occasion.

It is understood that Mr. Talmi has already served notice that he would prefer another party leader to fill the job presently held by Mr. Ben-Moshe, with whom he finds it difficult to cooperate.

While no official reaction was yet forthcoming to Mr. Ben-Moshe's letter, it was learned from reliable party sources that his demonstrative resignation could be regarded as a step in the anti-Alignment minority's campaign inside the party. In the event of a vote, it is not believed that Mr. Ben-Moshe would be re-elected. Instead, Uri Yaffe of Kibbutz Yafum is mentioned as a possible successor.

## Fire leaves J'lem family homeless

A 10-member Jerusalem family was left homeless yesterday after fire raged through its flat in the Capital's Mahane Yehuda quarter. The Maman family was evacuated from the house at the corner of Armon and Agrippas streets, and taken in by neighbours after fire broke out in an adjacent warehouse. Firemen extinguished the blaze, apparently the result of a short circuit, before it could spread into the rest of the Maman family's building.

The municipality has promised to repair the house so that the family, which lost a son in the Six Day War, will not be without a home for long. (Itm)

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# U.S. sources, Soviet Jews warn ransom tax may be reimposed

WASHINGTON. — Both U.S. and Soviet Jews yesterday warned that Moscow's decision to drop the education ransom tax did not guarantee the tax would not be reimposed later.

Republican leader Hugh Downs on Wednesday said that the administration's decision to drop the education tax would be a "major step" in the direction of ending the tax indefinitely.

U.S. sources say the administration is not planning to reimpose the tax. Soviet word, they claim, is that the tax will be reimposed. The tax was imposed in 1968 on Soviet Jews who had received U.S. visas. It was a major factor in the decision to drop the tax.

Asked why the President would accept in good faith any Russian statements that the taxes are being suspended, one congressional source answered: "Well, the President has just sent his trade bill to Congress. He wants it passed as fast as possible with a little trouble as possible. He doesn't want MFN (most-favoured-nation) in the way."

The source said it is therefore possible the President wants Congress to believe the Soviets have changed their position and that is why the White House authorized Scott to make his statement.

The Republican Senate leader indicated his information came from Henry Kissinger, Mr. Nixon's chief foreign policy adviser, and was not based directly on the two letters. Instead, Mr. Scott said Dr. Kissinger assured him the exit fee law will not be used "except on very limited matters of state security alone."

Under Soviet law, Jews and other emigrants seeking to leave for non-Communist nations paid a fee that depended largely on the type of job they held and the type of education. Some charges ran as high as \$25,000 for a person who held a doctoral degree from a Soviet university.

## 900 social workers stage two-day warning strike

Some 900 social workers yesterday began a two-day warning strike, demanding upgrading. Only university graduates walked off the job. Another 1,100 workers held an emergency meeting of solidarity but did not strike.

The Welfare Ministry spokesman said a general 35 per cent wage raise was promised to the social workers. He also said a professional committee would be set up to seek ways of revamping the functions of workers in the various welfare offices, and that the committee would complete its work in four months.

## Body of drowned conductor to Cologne

LOD AIRPORT. — The coffin of Hungarian-born conductor Istvan Kertesz, who drowned on Monday while swimming at Herzliya beach, was flown to Cologne yesterday for burial.

Kertesz, 43, musical director of the opera and orchestra in Cologne, was in Israel as guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Earlier, the coffin lay in state at the entrance to the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, where Kertesz was eulogized by Judge Shimon Lowenberg, chairman of the Friends of the IFO, and by Daniel Binyamin, on behalf of the IFO management. (JHM)

## POISON INSTEAD OF MEDICINE

YERUSHALAM. — Police are looking for a local Kipat Holim member who probably received a toxic substance instead of the drug his doctor had prescribed.

The Kipat Holim clinic here alerted the radio Tuesday night that three patients were accidentally given the same poison when they came in to get prescriptions filled at 7 p.m. The radio carried the announcement, and two of the patients returned the "drugs" before they had taken any.

The third victim of the mix-up has not yet been found, and is believed to be a child. (JHM)



The Latin Vicar, Msgr. John Kildany, kisses the foot of one of 12 Catholic monks at yesterday's ceremony of the Mandatum, or Washing of the Feet. The Easter Maundy Thursday service was held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in commemoration of Jesus' act of humility for his disciples. (Steve Nenejian)

## Via Dolorosa procession today

Thousands of Christian pilgrims thronged Jerusalem yesterday for Easter Week observances, which will be climaxed this morning by the traditional procession along the Old City's Via Dolorosa, retracing Jesus' last steps.

Groups of different nationalities bearing large facsimiles of the cross will parade in Jesus' last footsteps, stopping at each of the 14 stations marking the highlights of Jesus' last journey on earth. The solemn procession will set out at 11 a.m. from the Omariya school inside the Old City's St. Stephen's Gate where Jesus was believed to have been condemned.

Today's events will be concluded with church ceremonies. They will be followed by Holy Saturday's resurrection celebrations preceding Easter Sunday.

Yesterday, the Holy Sepulchre was the site of the colourful ceremony of the Mandatum, or Washing of the Feet. The event was led by the Latin Vicar Msgr. J. Kildany who washed and kissed the feet of 12 monks and seminarians in imitation of Jesus' act of humility for his disciples. The afternoon mass was preceded by a mid-morning High Mass officiated over by His Beatitude the Latin Patriarch J.J. Beltritti, who is scheduled to head the weekend church services.

NINE SCHOOL CHILDREN were killed and twelve others injured when the roof of a house collapsed in the Nile Delta village of Beni Amer, "Al Ahram" reported yesterday.

Passover tourists from Europe, who will spend five days in the country, and will go back on board the ship. Another four passenger liners are due here today to bring 2,000 more tourists. They are the Greek Regina Magna, the Dutch Statendam, the Spanish Caba San Roque, and the Italian Messapia.

Only the Caba San Roque, with 548 Spanish tourists on board, touched at Arab ports on the way. She is due to arrive from Beirut.

## Passengers flow into Haifa port

HAIFA. — Nearly 2,000 tourists, pilgrims, immigrants and regular passengers arrived here in four passenger liners yesterday.

Two Greek ships, the s.s. Eperos and Knossos, brought over 1,100 Greek Orthodox pilgrims from villages in Greece for a fortnight's Easter pilgrimage. They went to Jerusalem where they will celebrate Easter which falls on April 29.

The Greek liner s.s. Regina brought another group of 250 Baptist pilgrims from the U.S. for a five-day stay. The ship arrived a day earlier than scheduled as the organizers, Wholesale Tours of New York, had decided for security reasons to skip her scheduled one-day call in Beirut yesterday.

The Israeli m.s. Nili brought 500 passengers, including 210 new immigrants from South America, mostly from Argentina, and 150 Jewish

## anger strike' a 'disservice'

Jerusalem Post Reporter: The Minister has reacted to an accusation made by strikers — including eight immigrants — in front of a Minister's Office in Jerusalem that the Government is the plight of Soviet

Minister of Immigrant Absorption Feled, stated yesterday persons were rendering aid to the cause. They are apparently unaware of the struggle waged by and other public bodies," I said. "The State of Israel is sing international pressure abolition of the emigration an end to the persecutions arrests of Jews who are for the right to emigrate."

spokesman for the hunger Boaz Moav, a biology at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem Post last night Minister had not said a concerning the main charge against the Government: had brought its influence on U.S. Jewry to oppose amendment (which say "the most favored status and other economic to the Soviet Union until the emigration tax). rkers, who include eight immigrants, one American t, and Mr. Moav, an Is- terday sent a cable to the Jewish leaders who met with President Nixon in on.

"Any slackening of effort for the Jackson amendment is a terrible betrayal of Soviet Jewry," the cable read. "Jewish leaders once heeded blandishments of Allied leaders, and so betrayed the Holocaust six mil- lion. We beg, weep, warn you: don't similarly betray Soviet Jewry."

In another cable to Senator Henry Jackson, sponsor of the amendment, the group expressed its "deep gratitude, to you, the liberator of Soviet Jewry."

The hunger strikers, who started their vigil outside the Prime Minister's Office on Wednesday, are members of the Movement for the Liberation of Soviet Jews, who plan to put up a list in the forthcoming Knesset elections.

Fewer trees to be cut down for road

Jerusalem Post Reporter: NAZARETH. — A compromise was reached yesterday between the Department of Public Works and the Jewish National Fund, reducing by about half the 5,000 trees due to be cut down in the Forest of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth near here. Between 2,000 and 2,500 trees have already been cut down to make way for a highway. The head of the J.N.F. afforestation department, Sharon Weitz, said that under the compromise, the Public Works Department will cut down only trees which hinder the paving of the new road, which is to link settlements in the Emeq with Tiberias. The trees are 19 years old.

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## Haifa weather fails to wilt flower show

Jerusalem Post Reporter: HAIFA. — Undaunted by the erratic weather, thousands of Dutch tulips planted in Gan Ha'em and hundreds of thousands of other flowers continued to delight the crowds visiting the International Flower Show on Mount Carmel here yesterday. Up to last night some 75,000 visitors had seen the show, which opened on Monday. They included groups from homes for the aged, recent immigrants, and West Bank Arabs from as far away as Jericho.

At times yesterday visitors had to queue up to buy tickets or to enter some of the pavilions. Show director Shmuel Bialik yesterday awarded prizes to nurserymen and home gardeners from all over Israel whose blooms had been chosen by a panel of judges as the best of the show.

## Big smuggling bid foiled in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter: HAIFA. — The Customs Police on Wednesday evening seized a board of pens, jeans and cosmetics found hidden aboard the Zim freighter m.s. Hidar. They put the value at over IL100,000, including local taxes and customs.

The ship, which had arrived earlier in the day from the U.S., was anchored in the Bay at the time, as she had been prevented from docking by the officers' strike. A Customs Police search party went on board and discovered the haul, packed in 140 parcels hidden in the ventilation pipes of one of the ship's holds.

The police said the goods — 5,700 four-colour ball-point pens, 2,640 make-up sets and 390 pairs of jeans — were "enough to fill a whole launch."

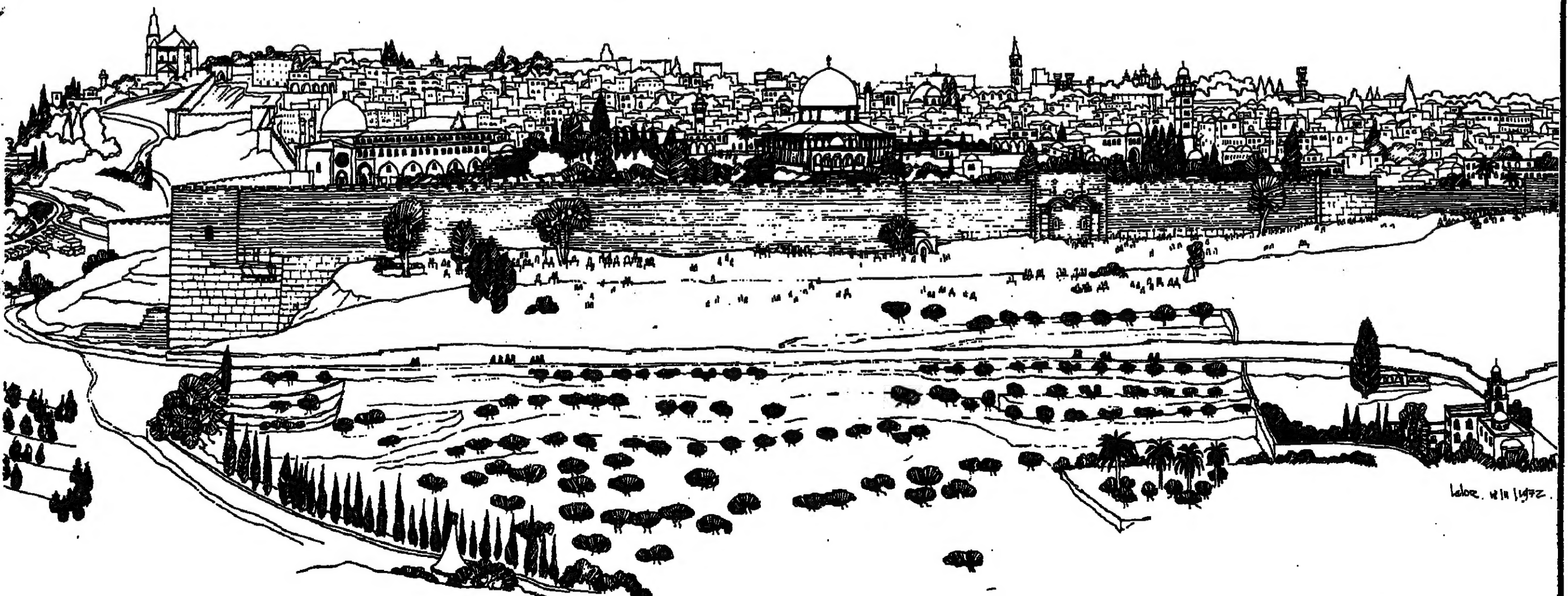
The crew was still being questioned yesterday, but the police had no leads.

POLICE early yesterday arrested four floor-tile thieves, two of them young women, after a resident of Rehov Bartenura in Tel Aviv saw them loading a tender with dozens of tiles left on the street.

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## U.S. again halts minesweeping operations in North Vietnam

SAIGON. — North Vietnam reported yesterday that the U.S. had suspended the operation to sweep mines from its ports and inland waterways. The U.S. Defense Department later confirmed the report.

Hanoi charged the suspension violated the Paris Peace agreement and the U.S. countered by saying the decision was made "because of

continued cease-fire violations by the other side in South Vietnam and Laos."

Pentagon spokesman Jerry Friedman said in a statement the minesweeping operations were suspended because "of the failure at the other side to abide by the agreements and assurances of Paris."

The statement did not say when the minesweeping operations were suspended and Mr. Friedman would make no further comment.

A statement issued by the North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry and quoted by the North Vietnam News Agency said yesterday the operations had been "unwarrantedly suspended" on Tuesday and that the U.S. had withdrawn its minesweeping crews.

The U.S. first suspended clearing operations in early March when it said Hanoi was delaying the release of U.S. war prisoners. But the issue was resolved in little more than a day and the mine-sweepers went back to work.

The U.S. yesterday also threatened to cut off proposed economic assistance to North Vietnam. A high U.S. State Department official said in Washington that unless Hanoi accedes to terms of the Paris peace agreement, the Nixon Administration will not ask Congress to provide economic assistance.

Associated Press reporters at the scene of the fighting said North Vietnamese-led troops again closed Highway 4, Phnom Penh's only land link with the deepwater seaport of Kompong Som. The U.S.-built road had been reopened only 10 days ago. Cambodian forces were reported to have suffered heavy casualties, with at least 20 dead, 30 wounded and an undisclosed number missing.

All of the major roadways from Phnom Penh have been cut by North Vietnamese and insurgent Cambodian forces in an apparent drive to strangle Phnom Penh and force the collapse of the government of President Lon Nol.

U.S. Embassy sources in Saigon said American concern about the deteriorating situation in neighboring Cambodia would not end with the resumption of regular supply convoys to Phnom Penh.

The operation to sweep mines from North Vietnamese ports, had been halted because the Communist side was not keeping to the Paris agreement in Cambodia or South Vietnam, the sources said.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

### Paper expects indictment of Mitchell

## Attorney-General pulls out of Watergate probe

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Attorney Gen. Richard Kleindienst yesterday withdrew from the Watergate investigation because it involves people with whom "I have had personal and professional relationships."

The "Washington Post" reported yesterday that Mr. Kleindienst, the former No. 2 man in the Nixon campaign, had told federal prosecutors John Mitchell and John W. Dean III approved and help plan the Watergate wiretapping last year.

Kleindienst served under Mr. Mitchell at the Justice Department before Mr. Mitchell resigned as Attorney-General in order to head the President's re-election campaign.

Magruder said Mitchell and Dean, who is President Nixon's official lawyer, arranged payoffs to defendants in the Watergate case to buy their silence, according to the "Washington Post."

It also quoted one source as saying Magruder's statements, expected to be repeated before the Federal Grand Jury probing the case, are expected to result in the criminal indictments of both Mitchell and Dean.

The paper also said that sources "in the executive branch" said on Wednesday that White House Chief of Staff H. R. "Bob" Haldeman also may resign as a result of recent Watergate disclosures, though there is no known evidence linking him to criminal involvement.

Magruder, now Director of Policy Planning for the Commerce Department, "chose to talk because he felt the walls were coming in on him," the "Post" quoted one source as saying.

Mr. Mitchell dismissed the "Post" report as "nonsense." Dean and Magruder could not be reached for comment yesterday.

"This gets a little sillier as it goes along, doesn't it?" Mr. Mitchell told a reporter as he left his New York City apartment. "I've had a good night's sleep and haven't heard any of this nonsense." He appeared relaxed as he boarded a chauffeured station wagon and lit his pipe.

Levy, 35, then an Army captain stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, was sentenced to three years at hard labour and dismissed from the service. After two years in prison, he was released on bail pending appeals in civilian courts.

As one of the first cases of protest within the military against the Vietnam war, Dr. Levy's stand and subsequent court-martial attracted widespread publicity.

Dr. Levy, contacted in New York where he practices dermatology, said he thought he had been "vindicated by the court's action. Very few people agreed with my position at the time, but it's become clear that the U.S. was using medicine for political purposes in South Vietnam, and that was immoral."

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JOHN MITCHELL

## Italian P.M. hands Nixon 'idea' for M.E. solution

WASHINGTON (AP). — Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti said on Wednesday he presented President Nixon with "an idea which could lead to a gradual solution of the Middle East problem."

Mr. Andreotti declined to go into any details at a Blair House news conference for American newsmen, saying that "secrecy is needed" if there is a hope for success.

"We are going to pursue this idea and we know that the solution itself is up to the Arabs and the Israelis," he said, adding that President Nixon was interested in his proposals and promised that they will be studied by U.S. experts on the Middle East situation.

Italy, Mr. Andreotti stressed, is a Mediterranean country having friendly relations with both sides of the Arab-Israeli dispute and "I think we have a certain function." Mr. Andreotti withstood repeated efforts by newsmen to discuss his ideas on the Middle East situation.

He admitted that a dialogue is needed between the two sides and, referring to various earlier international conferences where the shape of the conference table created so much initial difficulty, said, "Thus far only the table was not invented at which Arabs and Israelis could sit together."

S. Korea reaches youth soccer semi-final

TEHRAN (Reuter). — South Korea reached the quarter-finals of the 15th Asian Youth Soccer Tournament here when they beat India 1-0 in Group A yesterday. In yesterday's other match, in Group C, Singapore provided an upset by beating Thailand 2-1.

South Korea's winning goal against India came in the 70th minute, when their star mid-field player Yoo Dong Choon fired in a shot from 20 yards. Singapore's goals both came from headers by centre-forward Brian Batchelor, in the 14th and 42nd minutes.

Cruising gunman kills old woman, two children

HOUSTON. — Police charged a 21-year-old man with murder Wednesday night, after a bloody afternoon shooting spree which left two children and an elderly woman dead.

Another two other children were wounded when a man police identified as Larry Casey cruised through a section of the city in his car, firing indiscriminately at people he saw.

The first victim was 86-year-old Beulah Davis, shot as she stood in her garden. The dead children were aged 10 and five. Two other 10-year-olds were taken to hospital in fair condition.

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## Bonn also complains on forged passport

By BRIAN ARTHUR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — The West German Government yesterday voiced "may" to Israel Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin that a "forged man passport" was used in preparing the Israeli commando week against Arab terrorist headquarters in Beirut.

The head of the Foreign Office Third Political Department, Lothar Lahn, summoned Mr. Ben-Horin to tell him that the Bonn Government expects there will be no repetition of the incident in the future.

Competent observers in the West German capital considered the affair a touchy one, in view of Chancellor Willy Brandt's trip to Israel in June.

Unlike previous Israel-Arab incidents, such as the downing of the Litani jet over Sinai earlier this year in which Bonn has issued statements critical of Israel, the Beirut action appears directly to touch ties between Bonn and Jerusalem, these observers noted.

For this reason they detected a strong concern in Bonn that everything be avoided in future which might cloud the atmosphere for Mr. Brandt's June visit.

Mr. Lahn said that use of the false passport "violated international legal rules" and requested a thorough explanation from Mr. Ben-Horin.

The Foreign Office would not reveal the nature of the "available information" which it said showed the passport, presumably used by

one of the advance party to the Beirut raid, had been "tenuously easy matter" for a to determine if a passport given name and number actually been issued.

Army sources said Briti and police have mounted watch at Northern Ireland sea ports in the belief Republican Army (IRA) tempt more London bon Easter Sunday.

A guerrilla lobbed a gun a army patrol truck in bulent lower falls quarter, a Catholic district where operates. The grenade exploded.

Another was hurled at car in East Belfast, but ties were reported in the Earlier, customers fled Ulster Bar in Strabane, o der with the Irish Rep menters before a bomb w tavern.

Two masked men wen planting the bomb outsid Everyone inside ran for They got about 50 ya when the bomb exploded was hurt.

Banglade cyclone t may reach

DACCA (Reuter). — I yesterday counted its casu the tornado which smote i day, latest of the stream calamities to ravage the old state, formerly East F

The official count so far 1,600 in hospital injured, house checks are expecte the casualty figures.

Relief agencies operat disaster area, Manikgan Dacca, say more victims a be found and locally-orga tary groups fear, on the l ports from local council that the death toll may re

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Prime Minister Sheikh Rahman toured the Man by helicopter yesterday people that everything p being done to help them.

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Dan's trial articulated bus plies the 51 route in Tel Aviv.

## Tel Avivians ogle double-length bus

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Traffic nearly came to a standstill yesterday, and pedestrians stopped and ogled, as an extra-long trailer-like Swedish bus began a trial run here.

The 12-metre vehicle — nearly twice the length of the standard bus — can carry more than 160 persons, 74 of them seated. It is made by the Swedish Volvo firm and is being tested by Dan, the urban bus co-operative. Dan will decide whether to order such buses during the next two weeks.

The bus is made up of two parts, connected by steel plates which give it an accordion-like swing taking curves.

Hans Johansson, the field service engineer of Volvo, told The Jerusalem Post that the first part of the articulated bus has a shorter wheel-base (the distance between the front and rear wheels) than the standard buses in Israel, about 5.25 metres compared to 5.50 metres. This enables it to take corners more easily. The bus carries a turbo-charged diesel engine which emits very little exhaust, 28 Hestridge units, which is less than half of the ideal smoke output of a standard Diesel engine. The

engine is also much quieter, producing only 83 decibels to the 90 emitted by the standard buses.

The engine must be overhauled every 500,000 kms. or more, depending on the driver, compared to about half that amount (again depending on the driver) for the standard bus engine. The bus is also lower, 80 cms. from the ground compared to 1.10 metres or more on the standard buses. This makes it easier to board.

Minister of Transport Shimon Peres, who took part in the trial run, seemed pleased with the ride: "The bus sounds quieter and is flexible." If these buses could cut in half the number of buses playing the crowded streets of Tel Aviv during peak hours, they could ease the traffic situation somewhat, he said.

"For example, we checked and found that during the peak hours there are more than 100 buses per hour travelling on Allenby Street. If we can cut this number to 50, and also lower the number of buses going in and out of a bus station, we will have done quite a lot." The Minister believes that double-decker buses are not practical for Israel, mainly because people would not want to climb up to and down from the second floor.

## Beware of Greeks bearing vases

LONDON (AP). — A gang of art forgers pushing fake archaeology treasures was discovered in London yesterday and officials at the British Museum feared it might also be operating in foreign cities.

At least four fake Greek vases were spotted when the gang tried to sell them to dealers. But authorities suspect some of the phony treasures may have already been sold to unsuspecting dealers and collectors.

At least two dealers were deceived by the genuine-looking eight-inch-tall vases. Another is believed to have been scheduled for sale by a well-known auction house.

All the detected fakes were accompanied by forged British Museum certificates of authenticity. The Museum said last night all the certificates were headed "Department of Greek and Romano-British Antiquities" — a non-existent department.

One of the duped dealers told newsmen the fake Greek vase he was offered was brought in by a young man claiming he was a skin-diver who found it in a wreck.

The other dealer said two men told him the vase he saw came from a German museum selling off surplus antiquities.

## Peking diplomats seek Washington 'home'

WASHINGTON (AP). — A diplomatic delegation from the People's Republic of China began looking for permanent quarters here yesterday. The 10-man delegation arrived on Wednesday to open a

liaison office here, marking the end of a 23-year diplomatic void between the US and Chinese Communists.

Han Hsu, deputy chief of the PRC liaison office, told a delegation of five Chinese from the Washington area that "we want to express our thanks to all Chinese-Americans and our warm greetings to all of our American friends."

The State Department sent a five-man delegation to Dulles international airport to greet the group. Three of the five spoke Chinese but found that the Chinese group was equally proficient in English.

The brief greeting ceremony had an emotional warmth about it.

Herbert Levine, the State Department's deputy director of Japanese affairs, made a personal, rather than official, appearance to greet his Harvard roommate, Chi Chao-Chiu.

Chi, who has been the chief English interpreter for Premier Chou En-lai, roomed at Harvard with Levine in 1948 and 1949. In the intervening years, the two have been aware of each other's careers even during the roughest periods in

Washington-Peking relations, said Levine, but they have not met.

The Chinese delegation left in a motorcade of black limousines for the downtown Mayflower Hotel with an escort of National Park police. They have reserved suites of rooms and working space in the hotel for the immediate future. Han Hsu was to call at the State Department yesterday to begin arranging details for acquiring a more permanent space for the Chinese delegation.

## Supplementary welfare allotments up in 1972

The Welfare Ministry had to supplement the wages and National Insurance allowances of 5,600 persons during 1972, it was reported yesterday at a meeting of the Ministry's senior staff.

There were 4,200 wage-earners whose salaries, even with cost-of-living allowances and large-family grants, left them below the poverty line. There were also 1,300 widows and divorcees who needed supplementary allocations, in addition to allotments from the National Insurance Institute.

The proportion of families receiving supplementary allocations went up from 10 per cent of all welfare recipients in 1971 to 14 per cent last year, the Ministry spokesman said.

The largest category of welfare recipients — 55 per cent in 1972 — are disabled and chronically ill persons.

ASTRONAUT. — Fred Haise, one of the astronauts on the Apollo 13 moon mission which almost ended in tragedy, is leaving the space corps to become an executive in the U.S. space shuttle programme, it was announced in Houston, Texas, on Wednesday.

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## Philosophers plan to form national unit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The first national congress on philosophy in Israel which took place on April 18 and 19 at the Negev University in Beersheba, resolved yesterday to immediately begin forming a national organization of philosophers in Israel.

Dr. Marcelo Dasca, coordinator of the Negev University philosophy department, told The Post that at present there is only one local organization of philosophers in Jerusalem.

As an example of the need for a national organization, Dr. Dasca noted the coming congress for philosophers in Sofia, Bulgaria. He said that when Israeli philosophers applied individually for an entry visa they were turned down and told to come to the Bulgarian border, where their visa applications would be considered.

"If we ask individual Western Jewish philosophers to put pressure on Bulgaria," Dr. Dasca said, "it does not have the same effect as when we speak as a strong national organization."

Over 30 lectures on various philosophy trends were delivered at the Beersheba congress. Three hundred persons participated and plans are being made to publish the proceedings.

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## IV STOCKS

## Market continues mixed

The market was mixed yesterday and volume was lower than the previous day. The market was up 1.5 points, ending at 323.35 (35,700 traded). A few shares which were sold on Wednesday eased a definite profit-taking.

General Index of Share Prices 19.472 18.478  
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Investment rights were sold at 53, on a volume of 74,000 shares traded. The market closed at 223, down 1.5 points (83,800 shares traded). The market recently issued a 10% bond.

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## Officers end 5-day ship strike

By YACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Merchant Marine Officers Union called off its five-day strike Wednesday night after reaching agreement on a wage dispute.

Representatives of the officers and the shipping conference hammered out an agreement after midnight following more than five hours of negotiations. But although they reached full agreement on new wage scales for ships' officers, they left for "a later date" the contract for ships' masters and chief engineers.

Both the union and the shippers' negotiator, Moshe Kashti of Zim, refused to divulge details of the agreement reached, but The Post learned that they compromised on the two paragraphs in the officers' contract which had been disputed. These were the demand for changes in the payment of officers' overtime so that they would be paid for actual time worked rather than the present lump sum payment, and the demand for a 10 per cent dollar devaluation compensation for the part of the officers' wages paid in dollars. Zim had offered five per cent.

It was learned that the officers made the agreement conditional on the premise that they would not have to pay higher income tax rates than the greatly reduced ones they enjoy now. Their tax is low because their foreign currency earnings are assessed much below value, which is a form of concealed subsidy for the shipping companies, making it possible to give the men a high net income.

Though both sides insisted that the agreement was within the 40.2 per cent rise framework, it appears that the compromise will exceed the limit by several per cent.

As for the masters and chief engineers, it was agreed that they will receive a 11.1,000 net advance after their contract is signed.

## Pepsi beats Coke for Soviet market

MOSCOW (UPI). — Coca-Cola, world-wide symbol of American capitalism, lost by default yesterday the quest for one of the world's potentially largest soft drink markets. Coke's big rival, Pepsi-Cola, was the winner.

With a bottle of Pepsi and a bottle of Russian Stolichnaya vodka beside him, Pepsi Chairman Donald M. Kendall signed a contract to bring Pepsi-Cola to the Soviet Union and to increase sales of Stolichnaya in the U.S.

Then he and A.I. Nikolaev, President of the Soviet foreign trade firm that markets vodka, toasted each other with Soviet champagne. Someone asked Kendall why Pepsi, and not Coke, was selected by the Soviets to be the first international cola drink produced here. He said Pepsi just tried harder.

Kendall said Pepsi will supply Pepsi-Cola concentrate from a plant in Germany, and the Soviets will produce three million cases (72 million bottles) of Pepsi each year, starting next November.

THE WORLD BANK announced yesterday a \$33 million loan to Lebanon for a highway project, a 36 mile expressway to ease congestion on the heavily travelled Beirut-Tripoli route.

## Chemical engineers conference Gov't starving chemical industry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Deep concern for the future of Israel's chemical industry — due to a Government "trauma" over the Arad chemical complex failure — was voiced at the ninth national convention of the Chemical Engineering Society here yesterday.

The members, meeting at the Technion, also charged that the failure had been the Government's own fault.

The Society's president, Technion professor Samuel Sideman, said "an atmosphere of unemployment and listlessness" now permeated the industry. The Government, "still in the grips of its trauma," was not allocating the money needed to develop the infrastructure and prepare for expansion of the chemical industry, one which he described as "vital" for the country's industrial development.

As a result the plants were hiring no new men, and several dozen young Israeli chemical engineers — plus a number of new immigrants — were unemployed. Worse than the actual unemployment figures was the demoralization and "dead end" feeling in the industry, Prof. Sideman warned, calling on the Government to resume its investments in the industry.

Technion President Alexander Goldberg, who had originally envisioned the Arad complex, called the Arad failure, an example of "technological decisions being taken out of the hands of technologists by politicians." (Dr. Goldberg's ideas, since described by experts as "sound," were not applied at Arad, which was in the end planned and built by an American firm).

CONSOLING NOTE  
The complex's General Manager, Shimon Friedman, struck a consoling note. He admitted that big mistakes had been made, but said they could be corrected and that he expected the complex would be back on its feet within two to three years.

Melchior Amich, director of the Hildrut-supply Koor Industries, told the convention that national funds went to being directed as they should be for industrial development. There was no reason why Israel's industry should not be as well developed as its agriculture and defence, he said, citing proliferation of authority as one of the reasons for the lag. Three ministries — Finance, Commerce and Industry and Development — share concern for industrial development, he noted.

Post's printers among labour prize winners  
The works committee of The Jerusalem Post printing staff was one of the winners of a Jerusalem Labour Council contest among works committees, it was announced yesterday.

The prizes were awarded for good labour relations, adhering to labour agreements, work safety, advancement of workers, and cultural activities.

The other winners, chosen from among 40 nominations, were the committees of the service staff of the King David Hotel, the head office of the Housing Ministry, Shaare Zedek Hospital, the Pfefferman building contracting firm, and Redmond-Amcor.

The winning committees will receive cash awards from the Labour Council on May 1.

## U.S. inflation hits 6 per cent

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Commerce Department yesterday reported the U.S. economy advanced at a rate of 14.3 per cent during the first quarter of the year, with inflation soaring at a rate of 6 per cent.

The Department said the U.S. Gross National product rose \$40.6 billion from January through March to reach a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.235 trillion dollars.

The rate of inflation of 6 per cent during the period was bad news for the economy. It was the biggest quarterly jump since the fourth quarter of 1970 when it was 6.3 per cent.

## EL AL SUEZ FOR SPOILED GOOSE LIVER

TEL AVIV. — A ton of spoiled goose liver is the subject of a \$155,000 damages claim lodged in court yesterday against El Al and British European Airlines by the Israeli Poultry Board.

The Board claims it sent the 1971 Christmas shipment of high-grade liver by El Al for fast delivery to Paris, but the load reached its destination three days late and was spoiled.

In its defence, El Al says the plane was delayed by bad weather over Orly Airport, and had to land in London. In London the company tried to find a carrier for the liver, but other airlines also were unable to fly into Paris.

El Al says it refrigerated the liver in London, and that it must have been ruined before it was put on the plane.

The company finally got a BSA plane to fly the goods to Paris. BSA says in its defence that it had no knowledge of the state of the liver, and brought it to Paris the day it received the load.

The case will be heard by the Tel Aviv District Court.

CIGARETTE ADDICTS will soon be able to benefit from branches which the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking plans to open in the main cities. The Society says it had 2,500 applications from smokers in one week since it began an advertising campaign in the press. Its address is P.O. Box 4131, Jerusalem.

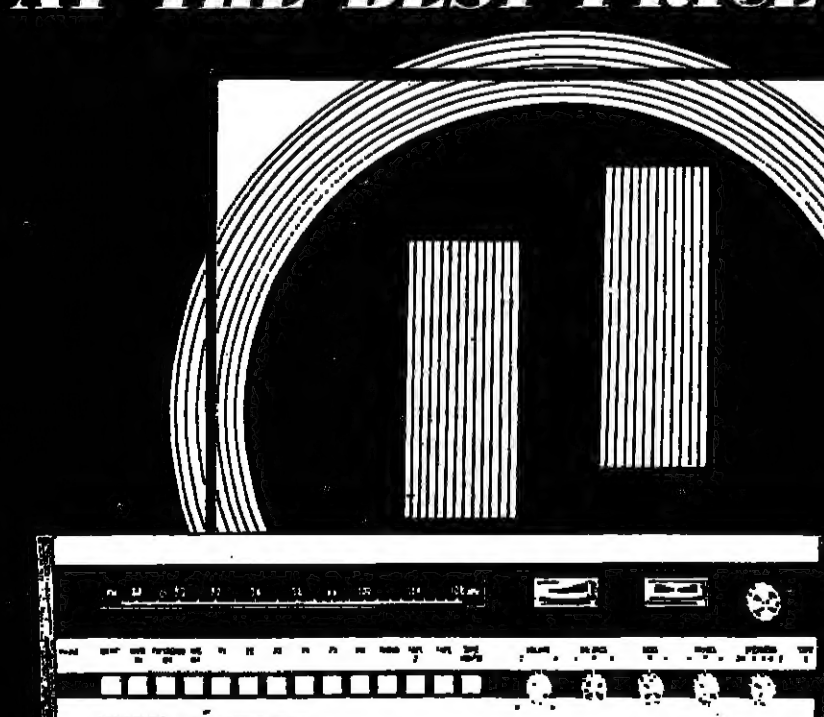
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## Moscow's dubious assurances

LAST month the Soviet authorities made known they would stop demanding the education tax from Jews wishing to emigrate, but said the measure would remain on the books. Wednesday's statement in Washington by Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott does not substantially go beyond what the Soviets said before. The only new element is that the Kremlin apparently gave some kind of assurances to Mr. Nixon that the tax would not be enforced.

As Professor Benjamin Levich said yesterday in Moscow, this is a forward step, yet it leaves the basic problems untouched. Whatever written assurances Moscow sent to the White House, they must, at best, be considered general letters of intent. And as sceptical U.S. Congressmen and Senators said, the Russians will be free at any time to impose the tax whenever and on whom they see fit. Presumably they would act with care until Mr. Nixon is able to steer through Congress the trade treaty that would grant the Soviet Union most favoured nation status.

Given the White House's keen interest in obtaining passage of the trade bill, thereby adding a further building block to the developing entente between the two powers, it is clear that Mr. Nixon is anxious to present the Soviet assurances in the best possible light. Moreover, the administration is in general not happy with the effort, spearheaded by Senator Henry Jack-

# ISRAEL AND THE 'PALESTINE ISSUE'

WE Israelis make no pretensions of determining whether there is or is not a "Palestinian entity." This decision is the privilege of the Arabs themselves. As a result of the war imposed upon us in 1948 some of the Arabs of Palestine left and wandered to other places. None the less I reject the contention that "two and a half million Arabs are wandering about the world without a homeland."

There is complete distortion in any comparison between the situation of the Jews in the Diaspora who are without a homeland and between the Palestinians. The Palestinian Arabs live among their brethren, with whom they share a common religion, culture and language. The Arabs themselves declare that they are a single Arab nation — albeit a nation which stretches over eighteen independent states.

The difference and distinction between an Arab from Judea or Samaria living today in Amman and an Arab who has for generations lived on the East Bank of the Jordan is much less than the difference and distinction among Jews from various lands — yet we absorb these Jews and blend with them into one nation. Whoever speaks in terms of balance and analogy between the Jewish problem on the one hand and the Palestinian problem on the other, is ignoring the fact that this parcel of land in which we have established the State of Israel is the only one in which the Jewish people can be sovereign and in which every Jew can live with his fellow-Jews in independence.

No, an Israeli who hears such a comparison and is persuaded by it is only a step away from accepting the concept of "the plundered land" and everything implied by it.

The Palestinian refugee problem has not yet been solved only because the Arab states have kept it unsolved for use against us. A shocking example of this was the situation prevailing in the refugee camps in 1967 when we entered the Gaza Strip. The Egyptian government, for instance, did not extend Egyptian citizenship to the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip, nor did it allow them to work or to move anywhere else.

In contrast with the strange behaviour of some of the Arab states, the government of Jordan extended Jordanian citizenship to the Arabs of Palestinian origin within its territory. Citizenship was bestowed upon the residents of Judea and Samaria as well as upon their brethren on the East Bank. All these — those on the East Bank and those in Judea and Samaria — are thus Jordanian citizens.

**Opportunities in Jordan**  
The Palestinian Arabs have in Jordan every opportunity for self-expression. They depend on Jordan — just as Jordan cannot exist without them. There are in Jordan wide spaces that can be developed for the rehabilitation of the Palestinians. Some 600,000 or more citizens of Palestinian origin are now living on the East Bank of the Jordan. For many years now, never less than half of the members of the Jordanian Parliament have been of Palestinian origin, as are the majority of the members of the present Jordanian Cabinet.

Between the Mediterranean Sea and the Eastern Desert, there is room for two states only: a Jewish state, and an Arab state — Israel and Jordan. We oppose the establishment of an additional Arab state in the region between Israel and Jordan.

As I have mentioned, there are at least 600,000 citizens of Palestinian origin living on the Eastern Bank of the Jordan River. This population is bound to the Arabs of Judea and Samaria by family ties and by a common origin. For this reason, I am glad that the policy of the open bridges is continuing, a policy that makes it possible to maintain this link between the Arabs of the administered territories and their brethren in Jordan and the Arabs in the neighbouring countries.

During the past two years, about half a million people have crossed those bridges. This figure includes some 210,000 inhabitants of the administered areas who crossed into Jordan for visits to that and other Arab countries, and about 290,000 inhabitants of Arab countries who visited the administered areas and Israel, including 280,000 who came in the framework of the summer visits. The number of Arabs crossing the bridges in both directions is increasing steadily.

We have enacted the policy of the open bridges out of consideration for the needs of the Arabs in Judea and Samaria and their brethren living on the East Bank of the Jordan. One can imagine the suffering and distress caused this population if the bridges were barred, and with them, the opportunity to maintain family contacts and the large-scale exchange of goods between Judea and Samaria, and the East Bank of the Jordan.

Commenting in the Knesset on King Hussein's speech of March 15, 1972, I said: "We have never interfered in the internal structure or nature of the regime of any country. Should the King of Jordan decide to change the name of his kingdom to 'Palestina' or any other name, and to in-

Between the Mediterranean and the Eastern Desert there is room for two states only: Israel and Jordan, said Premier Golda Meir in her address to the Labour Party Secretariat last week. Here is the pared text of that part of speech devoted to the Palestinian issue.

produce changes in the internal structure of his realm in order to give, with kingdom, an opportunity for self-expression to those Arabs who call themselves Palestinians, and if, in the course of negotiations, we should have agreed relevant aspects including the far one — then we should not concern ourselves with taking a stand in affairs which are within the sovereign competence of the Arab nation that born Israel in the East."

We shall not negotiate with the intentions of murderers and their leaders, endeavour to destroy the State of Israel and to establish instead a Palestinian on the "stolen land." All the more so the murder and terror organisations of representing the Arabs of Judea and Samaria, and Arabs of Palestinian origin in other countries, lack all title.

The peace treaties shall include a provision of our readiness, which has been valid throughout the years, to pay compensation for abandoned Arab property, willingness to offer all technical and rehabilitation of refugees in Arab countries. The rehabilitation of those refugees live within the borders of Israel shall responsibility. The problem of the who strive for a Palestinian identity and must find its solution in the East of Jordan. At the conclusion of the peace, we shall insist that the end of Arab-Israeli conflict and that it be that the Arabs shall have no further on Israel.

## Dry Bones



## ISRAEL PRESS

### U.K. and France charged with encouraging terror

Davar (Hatsadim) accuses both Britain and France of encouraging Arab terrorism and denying Israel's right to self-defence against this terrorism. The paper is not surprised by the attitude of the French Government, "which is consistent in its pro-Arab policy," but remarks upon a change in the British Government's attitude.

Hatzofe (non-party), discussing, inter alia, the British suggestion that the voyage of the Queen Elizabeth to Israel be cancelled and more especially the British delegate's vigorous denunciation of the Beirut raid at the Security Council, remarks: "Britain has seemingly discovered in the issue of Arab terrorism an opportunity to gain Arab sympathy, even though it be at the cost of deterioration of international security."

Hatzofe (National Religious) cites the British and French attitudes as an example of a lack of decency in international relations. She'arim (Poulet Agudat Yisrael) suggests that "Britain's support for the Arabs is part of a broader

## THE THREE MEN IN A BOAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In your leader of April 8, you seem inclined to dismiss as a mere stunt the plan of the three Frenchmen to navigate the Suez Canal in a dinghy, apparently because, like others who trafficked through the Canal when open, they would be profiting from their enterprise.

But surely Mr. Deboe, one of the "three men in a boat," raises an important issue when he states: "We have a right to sail down there."

While no one would wish to dispute Egypt's rights to navigation tolls, etc., surely her rights did not extend to blocking arbitrarily, for the second time in a decade, the rights of navigation in the Canal of the international community. In the course of her war against Israel, and keeping it blocked ever since 1967? This Egyptian policy was all the more arbitrary, for while it harmed Israel not at all, it gravely hampered the trade of the international community, to whom Egypt owes no inconsistency in forever turning to pluck her chestnuts out of the fire that her own policy under Nasser had sparked.

That the international community should, all this time, have remained supine about its own rights, while lending a willing ear to Egypt's ceaseless complaints against Israel, who was in no way responsible for blocking the Canal and still less for keeping it indefinitely blocked, is one of the marvels of our curious age.

All the more credit, therefore, to the imaginative, even if potentially profitable, gesture of the three Frenchmen, whose boat, it is to be hoped, Egypt will permit to pass through the Canal as the first dove of peace.

SAMUEL SOLOMON  
Ramat Gan, April 8.

## TV PROGRAMMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I hope that the Israeli TV authorities will not yield to the clamour for "popular" programmes such as Philip Gilson would let us have. Of course, we must improve our programmes, but let us not stifle the national mind with such stilted rubbish as "The Avengers."

BOAZ GOLDMAN  
Kibbutz Dalia, April 4.

## "LA JUIVE"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Listening to the Koi Israel programme in honour of Enrico Caruso's 100th birthday on April 9, I was more than ready surprised to hear that the opera "La Juive" had been written by Giacomo Meyerbeer. Meyerbeer wrote many operas, but to the best of my knowledge, the composer of "La Juive" was J.F. Halévy.

DR. ALFRED FRANKENSTEIN  
Ramat Gan, April 9.

## The poisoning of pets

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I am horrified and disgusted at the act of barbarity of the Jerusalem Municipality in indiscriminately poisoning pets.

I took my Irish setter for her daily run on French Hill (on a leash and not loose) during which she obviously picked up or licked some of the Municipality's "goodies" (strychnine), unnoticed by me. Within an hour she was in terrible agony, at which time I rushed her to the vet. Thanks to his efficiency, my dog was saved.

Is this the due of an animal to whom much attention love and time is devoted? Do we pay municipal taxes so that those who serve us may poison our pets? Is a dog not safe on a leash anywhere in Jerusalem?

I would suggest that persons who have no love or understanding for animals be removed from positions of responsibility in this department of the Municipality.

L. LAZAR  
Jerusalem, March 6.

Jerusalem Municipality replies: Poisoning of strays is carried out because of the increase in the number of reported dog bites, because of which many people have to undergo very painful rabies shots.

Warnings were repeatedly and continuously issued that poison was being spread and that dog owners should use extra caution. The poison

## THE TEHRAN CHILDREN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Reader Dr. Bernheim referring in his letter of April 7 to the Tehran Children, can rest assured: "something was done" and we had a very heart-warming meeting in Jerusalem. I think I speak not only for myself when I thank all of those who organized the meeting for their thoughtfulness, starting with the greeting when entering Jerusalem and ending with the arrival of envelopes from the post office marked with 30th anniversary stamps.

I agree with Dr. Bernheim that something could be learned from this Altiya, and newcomers should think twice before making so many demands and criticisms.

HEDDA ADLER  
Tel Aviv, April 7.

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## THE BUENA ROAD DINOSAUR COME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Everyone, including school-children, has heard the name of the legendary Buena Road which saved Jerusalem from starvation and ultimate annihilation during the crucial months of its siege in 1948.

But where is it? Only the experts, the very few, seem to know. Why isn't something done to mark at least a short section of it, where it crosses one of the existing main roads? Wouldn't the 25th anniversary of the lifting of the siege (June 1973) be a fitting occasion?

YAJE BASSAN  
Kibbutz Haogen, April 2.

## BARBARIY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Practically all the papers in Israel have disseminated stories of old times only see the past and present and whose eyes are to visualize the future. The "saur" are not always as old, and the old need not be "dinosaurs" — with and too few like her.

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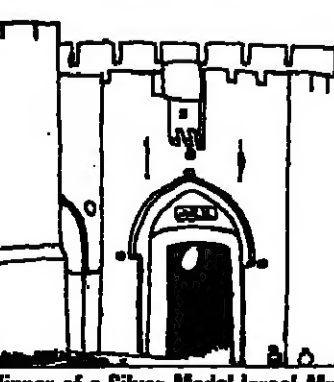
BENJAMIN L. I.  
Herzliya, March 24.

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